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Ken MCK. trick

Affiliation:

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Illinois Route 29

Various Counties

Four Lane Study along IL 29 from IL 6 to I-180

Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02

Catalog No. 032469-00P

Mr. Ken McKittrick
P. O. Box 167
Henry, IL 61537

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed your desire to have the new facility include access close to Henry, as well as your preference for alignment H-4. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

You also indicated you would like more information upon which to comment. Please note that more detailed information will be available as the study progresses and will be shared at future public meetings. Notice of these meetings will be given in local newspapers and will be included in the project's newsletters.

The Department appreciates your interest in this highway project. If we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Lewis of this office at (309) 671-3474.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.
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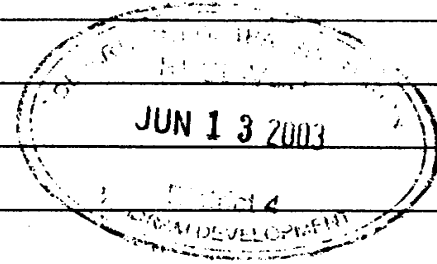
ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

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Dear Sirs

We feel that S5 down to 29 using either C-3 or C-3A then H-4 + N4 would use the least farm land. Using these routes would also have better truck access from 17 to 39. Better economical development for both Lacon and Kinross and less fuel burn pulling trucks uphill.

Thanks for giving us this opportunity to respond.



Name: Sam & Ann Rumbold
Affiliation: Farm landowners
Address: 416 W. Maple
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed your support for Alignments S-5, C-3 or C-3A, H-4 and N-4. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

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In lieu of the proposed Rt. 29 improvements, a river crossing at Massville would seem to be of greater benefit to the Peoria & Metropolitan areas; and should be evaluated. Currently, those residing on the east side of the river are hampered by the high in city traffic volumes due to the lack of a direct connector to N.W. Peoria.

As the infrastructure in N.W. Peoria continues to expand, additional economic value would be realized by providing a link between this area and the communities east of the IL river (i.e. Germantown, Spring Bay, Metamora, E. Peoria, etc.)

~~One~~ If the objective of this project is to also improve access into & out of Peoria, for either in-bound or out-bound Chicago traffic; more significant benefit seems to be warranted by the addition of a structure at Massville connecting to Rt 24 (then east to I-55). Not only could Rt 24 be improved to provide

a better corridor to the northeast, but also better stimulate the economies of the Peoria Metro area.

In reviewing the proposed Rt 29 alignments I feel those who have opted to live in more rural settings NORTH OF PEORIA, could be impacted and subject to traffic noise.

In conjunction with continued Rt 29 studies the Massville structure ~~should~~ be evaluated.

While improvements are necessary to ensure motorist safety along the Rt 29 corridor, deviating from the existing alignments appears to impact those who have chosen rural lifestyles.

Name: Richard Hermann, PE

Affiliation: Concerned Future resident of Fawn Hills Subd (HMR LN)

Address: 5727 W Ridgcrest Dr
PEORIA IL 61615

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5727 W. Ridgecrest Drive
Peoria, IL 61615

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed your preference for an Illinois River crossing near Mossville and a continued connection to U.S. 24. You also expressed your concern for those who have chosen a rural lifestyle, but may be affected by construction of this project. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

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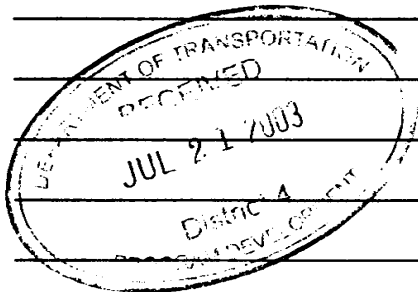
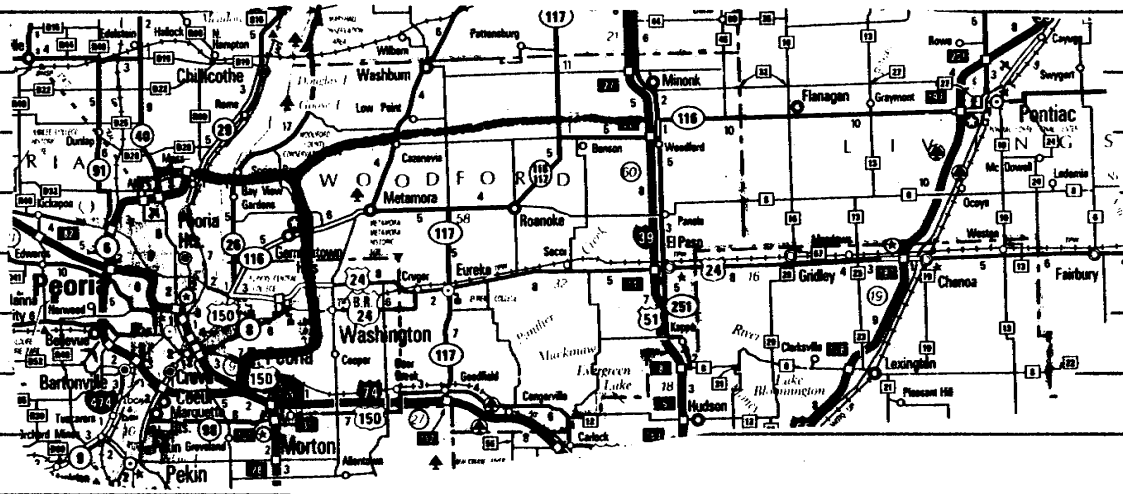
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We oppose the Route 29 Upgrade. This is a lot of money for little benefit. We need the ring road. From the north east part of the ring road a road can extend to Rt 39 & R116 south of Minonk. This needs to be done before building development will raise the cost. The money spent will be more beneficial to more people.



Name: Mr & Mrs Tom Gilles

Affiliation:

Address: 13700 Wayne Rd.

Chillicothe IL 61523

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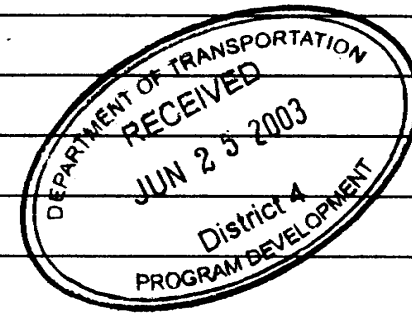
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I feel that completing the ring road around Peoria will by far serve Peoria and it's surrounding communities better than a new road to Chicago! Why worry about getting to Chicago a new way. Take care of our communities first!

There isn't an easy way for North Peoria, Dunlap and West Peoria to get to interests in East Peoria. North Peoria - Dunlap are areas of major growth. Germantown Spring by Washington can't easily access Sun Northwoods, Grande Prairie, which is where the city is expanding & the same can be said for businesses located or locating in these areas.



Name: Martin D Whitley
Affiliation: Hidden Valley Homeowners Ass
Address: 14101 Wayne Rd.
Chillicothe IL 61523

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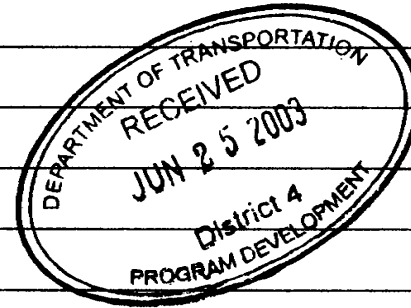
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My husband and I moved here 33 yrs. ago, solely for the peaceful surroundings.

We are not in favor of the Route 6 expansion, or the up grading of Rt. 29.

That we would like to see is a ring road, with a bridge located in or north of Mossville.

Please don't put the expansion close to our home - we are senior citizens and would like to live what is left of our lives in tranquility.



Name: Mr. & Mrs. Joe (Marcia) Minter
Affiliation: Hidden Valley Home
Address: Home Owners Assoc.
3506 E. Hidden Valley - Greencroft, Ill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Minter
3506 East Hidden Valley
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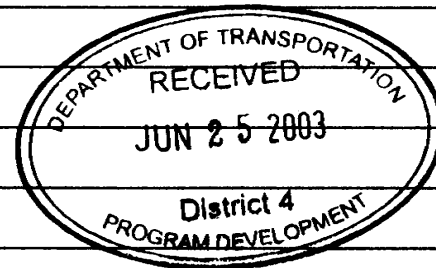
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Complete I 474 "King Road"
with a bridge near Massville.

Rt 29 project makes NO
SENSE AT ALL!! It will
not help the adjacent
communities (Chillicothe,
Idalia, etc); it will save
very little time to
Chicago transit time.

Also, it will not help
~~areas~~ areas east of the
river at all even if
ring road bridge is built
- people east of the river
are not going to cross the
river in order to transit
to I 80.

I see no long range benefit
from this project at all -
certainly way, way low
priority for the area.



Name: Bernard Hickey
Affiliation: Hollock Twp resident
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Edelstein, IL 61526

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608 East Swords Drive
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WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT WHAT IS PROPOSED IS LITTLE MORE THAN A WASTE OF MONEY. A \$400 MILLION, FASTER ROUTE TO HENNEPIN WILL DO LITTLE, ECONOMICALLY OR RECREATIONALLY, FOR THE PEORIA AREA ASIDE FROM THE EMOTIONAL ARGUMENTS

ABOUT "VALUABLE LOST FARMLAND" AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, THE PROJECT JUST CAN'T BE JUSTIFIED, IN MY OPINION. IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE PURPOSE & NEED OF A PEORIA TO CHICAGO HIGHWAY.

MY PROPOSAL - DIRECT THE STATE'S RESOURCES AT SECURING A CORRIDOR FOR THE PEORIA RING ROAD AND ITS DESIGN. BUILD A NORTHERN BRIDGE ACROSS THE ILLINOIS NEAR MOSSY CREEK FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

A BETTER ROUTE TO CHICAGO WILL BE BUILT FROM THE RING ROAD IN TIME.

Name: WALTER A. ZICK, P.E.

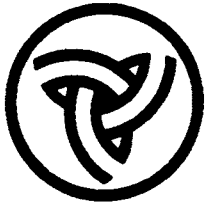
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Mr. Matthew A. Zick
3424 East Pine Ridge Drive
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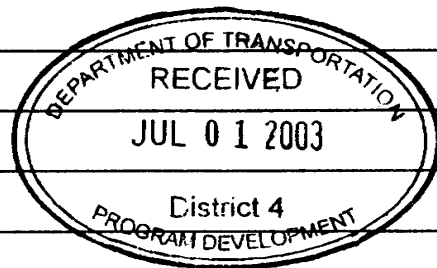


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I think the Rt 29 project is a tremendous waste of our money. Peoria and the surrounding communities would most benefit from a Bypass road and bridge over the river near Moxville.

It is going to really hurt the towns that 29 goes through now (Henry, Chillicothe, etc).

Please stop wasting our tax money on this project



Name: Nikki Whitley

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Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02
Catalog No. 032469-00P

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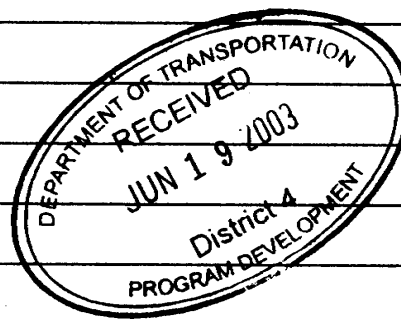
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Question 1 - Is this road "up-date"
really needed? Does the traffic on
Route 29 warrant this kind of money
being spent?

I would rather see my tax dollars
put into the study and planning
of a Peoria River Road and a
bridge crossing at Moxville-Rt 6.
To me that makes the most sense -
also makes route to Chicago -

We drive to Chicago at least
once a month and always go
Route 29 and through all the
small towns along the way - vary
routes as we go. Would rather
enjoy the drive than risk lives
on Interstate 55! We're never in
that big of a hurry!

I was opposed and involved in
NO WAY corridor A - for the same
reason - not needed & Not
progressive.



Name: Mrs. John A. Hayes

Affiliation: Peoria County resident

Address: 14917 N. Ivy Lake Rd.
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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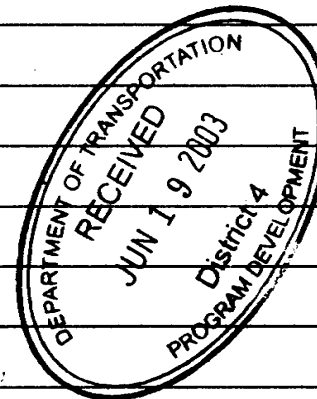
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A bridge AT RTE 6 AT Massville
AND have king road. The Rt. 29
road wouldn't do much but
TAKE UP A LOT OF Farm ground.



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ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

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AS A RESIDENT OF THE EFFECTED AREA, I AM GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROJECT. ONE THING THAT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME IS WHY DO WE NEED THIS PROJECT. I TRAVEL ROUTE 29 ON A DAILY BASIS AND DO NOT EXPERIENCE TRAFFIC SLOW DOWN DUE TO THE VOLUME OF AUTOMOBILES ON THIS ROAD. THE MAIN CAUSES OF A TRAFFIC SLOWDOWN IS USUALLY THE OCCASIONAL FARM TRACTOR OR MAINTENANCE WORK. DOES THE TRAFFIC VOLUME ON RTE 29 TRULY JUSTIFY THE COST OF THIS PROJECT? I WOULD THINK THE MONEY WOULD BE BETTER SPENT IN BUILDING A BRIDGE AND COMPLETING A RING ROAD AROUND THE GREATER PEORIA AREA. WITH ALL OF THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GROWTH ON PEORIA'S NORTH AND WEST ALONG WITH THAT IN THE GERMANTOWN HILLS, METAMORA AND WASHINGTON AREAS, COMPLETION OF A RING ROAD WOULD FACILITATE TRAVEL BETWEEN THESE GROWING AREAS.

IF RTE 29 DOES NEED IMPROVEMENT TO ALLOW FOR HIGHER TRAFFIC VOLUME, CAN THIS BE ADEQUATELY HANDLED WITH PERIODIC FOUR LANE PASSING ZONES

THAT WOULD ALLOW FASTER TRAFFIC TO SAFELY PASS. I WOULD THINK THIS COULD BE WORKED INTO THE LANDSCAPE OF THE CURRENT RTE 29 WITH A GREATLY REDUCED COST AND STILL ATTAIN YOUR GOAL OF SPEEDING UP TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN PEORIA AND I80. THIS WOULD ALSO KEEP WHAT TRAFFIC FLOW THERE IS TRAVELING PAST THE BUSINESSES ALREADY ESTABLISHED TO SERVE THE TRAVELERS OF RTE 29. (RESTAURANTS, GAS STATIONS, STORES, ETC) THE PLANNED BY-PASS WOULD LEAVE SOME OF THESE WITHOUT A MAJOR SOURCE OF CUSTOMERS. PLEASE RECONSIDER THE ECONOMIC AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF THIS PROJECT. I BELIEVE YOU WILL SEE THAT THIS PROJECT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE FINANCIALLY. TOO MUCH WILL BE SPENT WITH TOO LITTLE GAINED.

Name: STEPHEN F. HEINZ
Affiliation: HIDDEN VALLEY HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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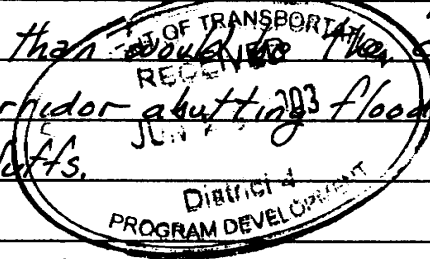
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Some economic development would likely occur between Moxsville and Hennepin. It is highly improbable, however, that this development would have any more than a marginal impact (benefit) to the metropolitan area.

Expansion and upgrading of the existing roadway network throughout the entire metro area would do more for Peoria than the proposed Route 29 improvement. The first component of an expanded regional roadway network should be a new river crossing at

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Enhanced traffic movement around and through the eastern portion of the metro area should be the 2nd component of the plan. Upgrade/expand existing roadways with a plan more palatable to Woodford and Izard County residents. There are functional alternatives in lieu of a fully access-controlled "ring road."

Name: R. A. HERMANN

Affiliation: FREQUENT VISITOR TO PEORIA

Address: 7346 E- 3000N

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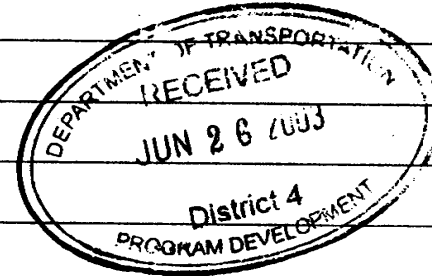


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A wiser use of our tax dollars would be to complete the Rt 6 bypass. Business and industry would benefit. Residents by the east side of the Illinois River would have easier access to Peoria shopping and entertainment.

What is the value of Rt 6 to I 180? A road to nowhere.



Name: Marianne C. HIRTZ

Affiliation: Wayne Rd. Hidden Valley Homeowners

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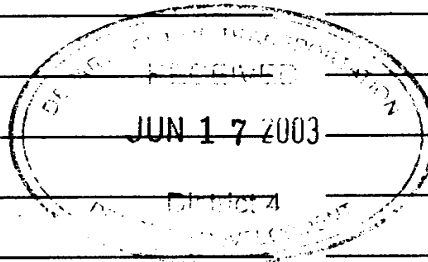
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Install a bridge at Mossville
and go east, you are going
the wrong direction



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Address: Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Mossville & leave us
alone north on 29.

Use "6" as it comes
down the hill — go across
the river there — giving access
to Caterpillar to all those
people on the East side of
the river.

Route 6 goes over the hill
& on by the new Prairie Mall —
also giving those living on the
east side of the river easier
& faster access to the Mall
& Airport.

If you must "do something" —

improve 29 then Henry —
don't "pass us by"! They're
trying to improve our town —
get visitors & new people —
so don't take the highway
away from town.

City Council voted to
agree with highway 1/2 mile
to west — no further.

Name:

Loretta Abbers

Affiliation:

Henry City Council - Alterperson ^{ward 1}

Address:

6 Burnell Lake Road
Henry

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Rt. 29 expansion is not a necessity, particularly at the outrageous cost of \$350-\$500 million. If anything is done, widen the existing Rt 29. Don't run a new extension around Chillicothe + Lacom only to reconnect at 180 for the mere sake of allowing traffic to move at 65-70 mph for all of 15 miles rather than 45 through Chillicothe.

To better serve the residents of the Peoria area, more time should be focused on a bridge extension Rt 6 across the river to provide better access between N. Peoria/Mossville/Chillicothe to Germantown/Metamora/Morton.

This would be a substantially better use of state funds and make a difference. Re-routing 29 will make absolutely no difference in travel time not

attract people to the area that don't already come down from Chicago/Northern IL.

Name:

Jim Manning - Jim Manning

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AROUND Peoria, E Peoria would
better serve the needs of TRAVELERS
going through this AREA. A Bridge
AT MOSSVILLE, IL FROM present
RT 6 TO CONTINUE what is already
there. Sometime in the future
take an interstate Highway off
the Ring Road STRAIGHT EAST,
maybe to ET WAYNE, IND.

People that want to go to Chicago
would have many choices off
the Road. Chicago is already
Jammed up because ALL the
INTERSTATES go there, or near.

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Robert Smith

Affiliation:

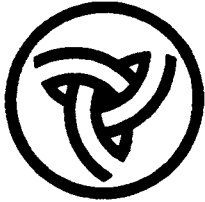
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Mr. Robert Smith
P.O. Box 77
Rome, IL 61562

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In a single statement: the
Route 29 project makes no
sense. It is not cost
effective, environmentally
friendly, nor does it
serve any type of any
significance.

I am TOTALLY against
such a project.

It would make much more
sense to add a bridge at
the intersection of Rt. 6 & Rt.
29 (at Morrisville), cross the
river there - continue to
an area E of Jaron & use
Rt 17 (widened to 4 lanes) on
to Rt. 39.

Name: Harvey Barnes

Affiliation:

Address: 3506 Leosthroat Road
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Mr. Harvey Varness
3506 Westbrook Road
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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This whole proposal seems to me to be a waste of our tax dollars. If you insist upon improving the road situation you should strongly consider a bridge at the Route 6 / Route 29 interchange across the river to form a ring road for better access to Interstate 39. ~~at least~~ You will never make me believe that there is enough traffic on Route 29, north of Chillicothe, to make this anymore than a political whim.

Name: David E. Hall

Affiliation: Concerned Tax Payer

Address: 23003 N. Hampton Rd.

Chillicothe IL 61523

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22003 North Hampton Road
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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ARE THE EASIEST ANSWER TO THE PUBLIC
NEED FOR SOME ACTION TO IMPROVE
THE HIGHWAY ACCESS TO PEORIA. BUT
IT IS THE WRONG ANSWER. THE
REAL NEED IS A RING ROAD TO
BE COMPLETED ACROSS THE ILLINOIS
~~ROAD~~ RIVER AT MOSSVILLE (ROUTE 6
END). I LIKE RAY LAHOOD BUT
HE IS A POLITICIAN NOT A HIGHWAY
ENGINEER — PLEASE LISTEN TO THE
DATA NOT THE POLLS.

Name: RICHARD WHITEHURST

Affiliation: _____

Address: 450 COUNTY RD 350 N
CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523

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Mr. Richard Whitehurst
450 County Road 350N
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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I strongly ~~agree~~ disagree with both the alignment and the concept of this road. We live off of Wayne road and therefore this road will have a significant impact on our daily lives and our house value. The negatives that I see ~~are~~ are: a reduction of transportation access - what happens to Wayne road?; an unacceptable increase in traffic noise; a possible problem of light pollution; a decrease in wildlife that now populates our land. Rt 29 is already 4 lanes through Chillicothe so I don't understand why another route is needed for that segment.

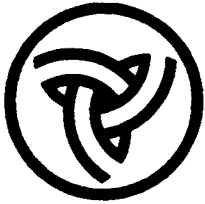
A widening and repair of the railroad bridge on the north side of town would be a positive step.

An alternate concept that seems to be much more universally accepted is the completion of the Ring Road with a bridge at Mossville. Transportation options would be significantly improved for a much larger segment of the Peoria area population.

Name: Karen Ticherman
Affiliation: Home Owner
Address: 3327 Hidden Valley Lane
Chillicothe Illinois 61523

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Ms. Karen Lichterman
3327 Hidden Valley Lane
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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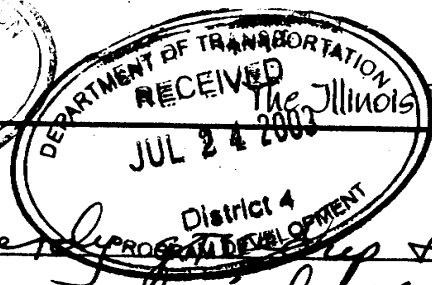
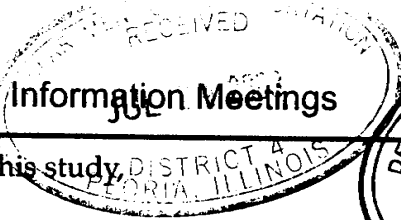
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Route 29 Study 29

Dear Mr. Therkildsen,
I believe the best Chicago to Peoria, Peoria to Chicago route would be achieved by bridging the Illinois River just north of Massville, as originally planned, & completely finishing the "ring road" around Peoria, East Peoria, angle over to I-39 & up to I-80 & there you have it!

All Interstate corridor to I-180 Hennepin will do is gobble up more valuable farm land, bluff timber & interrupt generations of landowners. I feel, as do all of our friends, neighbors in this area that there will be no significant impact on the economy of Champaign or Springfield -- who will stop to shop (rather than buy gas possibly) when Peoria is only 15 minutes down the road. If they are leaving from Peoria, they are

already on the way & will not stop 20 minutes into their trip.

We travel to Chicago significant amount & find no problems in the Rte 29 to Rte 17 or 18 to I-39 to I-80 route. I would submit that if this road is built we will still use the Rte 29 to Rte 17 or 18 corridor & probably still arrive as quick or quicker in the Chicago area. Based on the necessary tax dollars required vs. the benefits to the tourism industry, business, etc, I have seen no conclusive evidence that Mr. Lott's pet project is truly worthwhile.

Name: James L. Sniff
Affiliation: Area landowner, concerned citizen
Address: 1609 W. Detweiller Dr
Peoria, IL 61615

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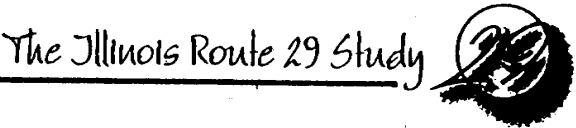
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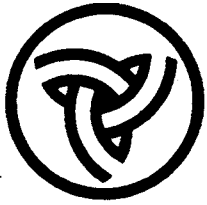


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I prefer C2/H3/N4/S4

Name: John T. Vanecko
Affiliation:
Address: 12923 Court St
Hanna City, IL, 61536

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